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# GOLDEN RULE DAHLIAS

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*W*E LOVE the Dahlia for its  
wonderful production of flowers  
and its superb beauty expressed  
in many varied forms and colors.

*W*E THANK YOU, ladies and  
gentlemen, for your enthusiasm,  
your patronage, and your good  
letters of praise for the quality  
of our Dahlia tubers.

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# Announcement

**I**N this catalogue you will find the *most valuable Information yet given to the public concerning Dahlias*. Choose the varieties that rate highest in the last column of our table of ratings on page 5, follow our cultural directions and the most wonderful flower in the world, *the Dahlia*, will give you freely of its best.

Anybody, no matter what their tastes are, may by these ratings select the varieties which will suit them best. Some desire extraordinary beauty and do not care particularly for profusion. These may select those rating highest for beauty. Those desiring a great profusion of flowers should select the dahlias rating highest for "Floriferousness" and "Resistance to heat and thrip." Someone may wonder why he did not winter the roots of certain varieties last season. A glance down the column headed "Root Keeping" will probably give the answer. The florist who grows dahlias should choose the ones rating highest for "Substance," "Position of Flower" and for "Floriferousness," and so on, whatever one may desire, the information is at hand, so that one's wants may be fulfilled.

This catalogue also contains on page 11 a brief description of the colors of each variety, size of flower and tuber price. On page 15 you will find brief cultural directions.

In 1925 we published the first rated Dahlia catalogue. This was only a starting point.

Our new table of ratings herein needs no explanation, for it presents for the first time in the world, full, complete and accurate information as to the best varieties of dahlias to grow to get results as measured by production of flowers, and all other qualities. We hope all readers will be guided by it in their selection of varieties. On many varieties, rated but not included in our color and price list beginning on page 11, we can quote on request.

## GUARANTEE

We guarantee all stock to be as represented, to grow if planted properly and to give satisfaction to the purchaser. If anything should be wrong we want to know about it and make it right the same season.

## TERMS

Delivery of tubers will be by post or express between May 1st and 20th unless otherwise instructed. The terms are cash with order.

# TO PREPARE FOR EXHIBITIONS WHEN LARGE FLOWERS ARE DESIRED

Plant June 10th to 15th for early September exhibitions; June 20th to July 1st for late exhibitions. Count three weeks from the time a bud becomes visible to the time when the flower can be cut, and start disbudding accordingly. The first buds may be too early for exhibitions; if so, do not allow these to bloom. Keep your plants as low as possible by disbudding severely from the tips at least two joints down.

## RATINGS

In the following tabulation of ratings, thirteen (13) large-flowered dahlias rate above 91 points. These are:

A. D. Livoni, Show.....92	*Landscape Peach, Dec.....93
*Drifting Cloud, Dec., '27.....94	Mrs. I. de Vere Warner, Dec.....92
Gladys Bates, Cactus.....92	*Ohio Glory, H. C., '27.....92
*Golden Acre, H. C., '28.....94	Papillon, H. C.....92
Jersey's Sovereign, Dec..... 93	*Royal Beauty, Dec., '27.....92
Judge Marean, Dec.....92	Sagamore, Dec.....94
Jersey's Beauty, Dec.....93	

Eighteen (18) others rate 91 points. These are:

*Aureo, H. C., '27	Halo, Dec.
Black Prince, Show	Jersey's Radiant, H. C.
Bertha Horne, H. C.	Jean Kerr, Show
Black Top, Dec.	Leera Creed, Dec.
Champagne, Dec.	*Luxuria, Dec. '28
Daddy Butler, H. C.	Philipino, H. Show
Esther R. Holmes, Cactus	Red Wing, Dec.
Francis Lobdell, H. C.	Susan G. Tevis, Dec.
*Heart of Gold, Dec. '26	Warren S. Seipp, Cactus

We guarantee the above thirty-one varieties to give the utmost of satisfaction to the purchaser from the viewpoint of the production of satisfactory flowers throughout the summer and fall blooming season. Those having an average rating of 88-90 will also be found to give great satisfaction.

NOTE: In rating for "Beauty" and "Floriferousness" we have compared each variety only with those of the same type and color. The ratings preceded by "N" are taken from Prof. J. B. S. Norton's 1925 edition of dahlia ratings. This is done whenever these were available. "\*" Denotes a variety originated at Golden Rule Farm. '26, '27, etc., denotes year of introduction. Color descriptions and price list are on pages 11 to 14.



# TABLE OF RATINGS

VARIETY	Beauty	Sub- stance	Stem & Posi- tion of Flower	Florif- erous- ness	Root Making	Root Keep- ing	Resist- ance to Heat & Thrip	Ave. Rating
Amun Ra, Dec. (N84).....	75	72	85	80	92	92	85	83
Alice Marjory, Dec.....	87	75	80	88	86	90	80	84
Antoinette, H. C.....	80	75	84	88	..	..	80	..
A. D. Livoni, S. (N86).....	95	90	90	96	94	95	85	92
Amber Queen, Pom. (N87)....	90	90	89	87	90	92	99	91
Amber Glow, C. (N85).....	84	70	80	80	93	91	95	85
Al Koran, Dec. (N90).....	92	84	90	80	90	91	89	89
*Aureo, H. C., '27.....	91	86	87	90	91	94	100	91
Black Top, Dec.....	86	90	89	92	90	93	100	91
Bridal Veil, H. C.....	70	85	86	91	90	90	85	85
Bertha Horne, H. C. (N86)....	90	82	88	97	92	92	100	91
Ballet Girl, C. (N86).....	90	88	90	80	95	95	30	81
Bride's Bouquet, C.....	80	91	90	95	96	95	50	86
Black Prince, S.....	90	85	95	91	93	90	96	91
Bianca, Cactus .....	85	96	91	90	80	70	80	84
Bob Pleuse, Dec., '26.....	90	85	90	92	..	..	75	..
Big Ben, S.....	84	87	92	82	93	90	80	87
Black Jack, Dec. (N88).....	94	82	88	80	70	70	85	81
Champagne, Dec. (N89).....	88	93	95	90	90	90	92	91
Countess of Lonsdale, C. (N85)	75	90	82	97	88	92	96	88
Canteen, Dec. (N88).....	92	92	92	97	78	80	80	87
Constancy, Dec. ....	87	86	91	87	85	86	82	86
Catherine Wilcox, Show.....	80	75	90	92	..	..	94	..
Dreer's Yellow, S. (N84).....	90	90	82	80	75	95	95	87
Dr. Tevis, Dec. (N84).....	85	85	88	86	91	90	75	86
Daddy Butler, H. C. (N88)...	92	94	95	95	80	98	82	91
D. M. Moore, S. (N82).....	82	80	70	95	88	90	95	86
Dorothy Peacock, S. (N82)...	85	87	88	89	84	90	80	87
Darlene, Dec. (N83).....	70	90	87	98	95	95	99	90
Dakota, Dec. (N83).....	84	70	85	90	90	88	80	84
*Drifting Cloud, Dec. '28.....	90	92	99	95	92	90	100	94
Early Gold, Dec., '26.....	90	88	87	90	..	..	95	..
Earl Williams, Dec. (N86)....	94	94	92	70	78	90	90	87
El Camino Real, Dec.....	85	88	81	70	90	90	94	85
Esther Hunt, H. C. (N89)....	94	87	90	87	85	60	82	83
Esther R. Holmes, C. (N87)...	84	88	90	92	93	95	98	91
Eleanor Martin, Dec., '25.....	94	80	90	90	91	..	92	..
Ellinor Vanderveer, Dec., '25...	94	90	98	92	94	..	95	..
Elite Glory, Dec., '26.....	90	90	95	80	84	..	80	..
Empress Eugenie, Dec.....	70	95	95	90	96	95	82	89
Francis Lobdell, H. C. (N85)...	92	92	90	94	91	90	90	91
Faith Garibaldi, Dec., '25.....	88	90	92	75	86	90	84	88
Guiding Star, Pom.....	92	91	92	93	60	70	80	85
Gannymede, Pom. ....	90	92	86	83	70	75	85	83
Gladys Sherwood, H. C. (N86)	97	86	87	90	80	92	70	86
George Walters, H. C. (N85)...	90	78	92	100	75	90	100	89
Gladys Bates, C. (N88).....	86	90	94	97	90	90	96	92

TABLE OF RATINGS — Continued

VARIETY	Beauty	Sub- stance	Stem & Posi- tion of Flower	Florif- erous- ness	Root Making	Root Keep- ing	Resist- ance to Heat & Thrip	Ave. Rating
Grenadier, Dec. ....	94	88	90	92	90	85	88	90
Grisette, H. C. ....	89	88	88	86	90	90	98	89
Giant Ruby, Dec. (N88) .....	91	84	90	84	85	82	88	87
Golden Acre, H. C., '28 .....	97	97	90	95	85	99	94	94
Gold Rush, Dec., '26 .....	90	90	94	90	93	..	85	..
Halo, Dec. ....	90	92	92	96	79	85	96	91
*Heart of Gold, H. C. ....	90	95	85	95	95	99	80	91
Harry Sheldon, Jr., Dec. ....	95	88	80	90	88	..	92	..
Islam Patrol, H. C. (N89) .....	80	75	80	70	80	95	90	81
Indian Neck, Dec. ....	86	93	93	94	85	..	92	..
Jersey's Ideal, Dec. ....	85	87	96	95	..	..	95	..
J. D. Long, Dec. ....	89	98	95	75	90	90	85	89
Judge Marean, Dec. (N89) ....	92	75	96	100	91	90	98	92
Jack Rose, Dec. (N77) .....	75	90	84	90	95	99	90	90
John Alden, Dec. ....	82	85	89	75	93	98	82	86
Jersey's Pride, Dec. (N85) .....	87	86	91	90	86	83	83	86
Jersey's Monarch, Dec. ....	87	85	90	88	90	93	81	88
Jersey's Beauty, Dec. (N91) ...	97	96	94	90	93	90	93	93
Jersey's Sovereign, Dec. ....	96	84	88	95	93	96	98	93
Jersey's Jewell, Dec. (N88) ...	96	90	90	87	90	90	90	90
Jersey's Radiant, H. C. ....	96	92	90	90	90	80	95	91
Jean Kerr, S. (N85) .....	85	92	88	95	88	90	100	91
Johnnie, Pom. ....	95	88	96	94	82	70	85	87
Jean Chazot, H. C. (N87) .....	90	82	88	83	90	90	72	85
Jersey's Beacon, Dec. ....	93	90	90	80	80	..	85	..
Little Jewell (Pompon, Dec.) ..	94	92	95	90	..	..	89	..
Kitty Dunlap, Dec. (N87) .....	85	96	90	90	91	97	85	90
Klein, Domitea, Pom. ....	90	94	88	92	92	85	90	90
King, Albert, Peo. (N85) .....	88	80	85	80	90	87	78	85
Kohinoor, H. C. ....	95	82	90	92	80	80	97	88
La Favorita, H. C. ....	86	85	88	90	95	98	70	87
Little May, Pom. ....	90	88	85	94	90	90	98	91
Lucy Davis, Dec. ....	87	90	90	88	90	98	89	90
La Crescenta, Dec. ....	95	82	90	88	83	94	78	87
*Luxuria, Dec., '28 .....	90	92	90	88	90	90	95	91
*Landscape Gold, Dec., '28 .....	82	88	93	90	90	90	96	90
*Landscape Peach, Dec., '27 ....	91	90	96	95	90	90	98	93
Leora Creed, Dec. ....	92	92	96	90	85	90	94	91
Maid of the Mist, Dec. (N85) ..	89	87	82	84	85	82	88	85
Mariposa, H. C. (N90) .....	88	96	93	92	80	85	86	89

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Meyerbeer, Peo. (N81).....	90	90	91	84	89	92	88	89
Mrs. W. E. Estes, H. C. (N84)	90	82	86	75	84	94	80	84
Mrs. E. F. T. Smith, H. C. (N85)	88	80	90	85	93	96	80	87
Mrs. Jessie Seal, Peo. (N85) ..	83	90	88	87	95	98	80	88
Mephistopheles, Dec. (N84)...	85	85	92	90	91	98	90	90
Mrs. I. de Vere Warner, Dec. (N91) .....	92	84	94	91	96	98	88	92
Mrs. T. B. Ackerson, Dec. ....	80	75	85	90	99	100	92	89
Mrs. J. T. Sheepers, Dec. (N89)	84	88	85	90	88	90	96	89
Mrs. Carl Salbach, Dec. (N86)	84	92	96	86	96	99	80	90
Mr. H. C. Dresselhuys, Dec. (N84)	80	88	90	88	85	80	86	85
Mr. Alex Waldi, Dec. (N86) ..	95	80	90	85	95	98	72	89
Mr. Crowley, Dec. (N85) .....	90	90	88	80	85	84	95	88
Mrs. John Bray, Peo. ....	80	88	86	90	92	98	90	89
Mrs. F. M. Goodwin, Dec. ....	85	90	88	90	95	90	95	90
Macgregor, H. C. (N90) .....	90	83	92	97	90	60	99	87
Mina Burtle, Dec. ....	90	70	90	96	96	99	90	90
M. H. de Young, Dec. ....	95	96	97	98	80	60	93	88
*Ohio Glory, H. C. ....	97	80	85	95	92	93	99	92
Oberon, H. C. (N86) .....	90	87	90	87	85	85	88	87
Paul Michael, Dec. ....	95	78	80	96	88	90	92	88
Paul Revere, Dec. ....	94	90	95	90	..	..	92	..
Pride of California, Dec. ....	89	91	90	85	96	96	45	84
Pride of Conn., Dec. ....	78	90	90	90	80	80	96	86
Patrick O'Mara, Dec. (N86) ...	90	96	90	85	89	97	70	88
Philipino, S. ....	70	90	90	92	95	100	100	91
Papillon, H. C. (N89) .....	90	87	80	97	94	96	100	92
Pierrot, C. (N83) .....	80	82	78	92	91	90	80	85
Pink Abundance, C. ....	75	90	90	98	75	70	98	85
Queen of the Garden Beautiful, Dec. ....	94	84	96	92	94	..	88	..
Rosa Bonheur, Dec. ....	94	92	78	92	84	90	82	87
Rookwood, Dec. (N87) .....	93	96	92	90	82	50	80	83
Red Wing, Dec. ....	92	98	94	84	90	90	92	91
*Royal Beauty, Dec. ....	97	99	80	85	98	100	87	92
Rose Fallon, Dec. ....	92	95	97	80	84	..	70	..
Sagamore, Dec. (N90) .....	95	95	93	88	90	98	99	94
Senorita, H. C. (N88) .....	92	82	88	85	90	86	86	87
Siskiyou, H. C. (N86) .....	94	86	92	92	90	98	80	90
Shackamaxxon, H. C. ....	80	80	90	96	90	90	88	88

TABLE OF RATINGS — Continued

VARIETY	Beauty	Sub- stance	Stem & Posi- tion of Flower	Florif- erous- ness	Root Making	Root Keep- ing	Resist- ance to Heat & Thrip	Ave. Rating
Shady Rest, Dec.....	82	91	80	92	98	92	95	90
Shelikoff, Dec. ....	80	80	86	70	98	100	80	86
Snowclad, Pom. (N84).....	92	92	82	87	100	90	95	92
Snowdrift, Dec. (N87).....	96	80	95	93	89	80	90	89
Sunbeam, Pom. ....	84	91	97	90	95	98	100	93
Shudow's Lavender, Dec. (N89)	90	95	95	90	88	70	78	86
Susan G. Tevis, Dec. (N87)...	85	88	94	95	92	97	90	91
Shower of Gold, Dec. (N84)...	85	90	90	96	90	90	90	90
Secretary Voors, Show, '26....	82	90	98	85	..	..	70	..
*Star Bright, Peo., '28.....	90	80	88	95	92	90	95	90
Sylvia, Dec. (N76).....	75	85	94	86	96	100	85	88
Sunbeam, Dec. ....	80	80	90	88	88	90	80	85
Shannon, Dec. ....	85	93	90	70	..	..	40	..
Salbach's White, Dec., '26.....	90	85	90	80	..	..	70	..
Techachepi, H. C.....	95	84	92	92	80	70	93	86
Theodore Vail, Dec.....	75	82	90	88	97	98	90	88
Talisman, H. C. (N89).....	95	92	82	92	88	78	95	89
Tillamook, Dec. (N88).....	93	75	90	90	90	94	90	89
Tommy Atkins, Dec.....	92	81	92	85	..	..	87	..
Viviandiere, Peo. ....	92	80	86	90	95	98	70	87
Vivian, S. (N86).....	80	80	90	97	..	..	85	..
Warren S. Seipp, C. (N86)....	92	90	90	90	90	90	95	91
Wizard of Oz, H. C. (N87)....	90	92	83	87	82	90	86	86
World's Best White, Dec. (N89)	92	88	92	93	80	70	91	87
W. E. Cooper, Dec. (N87)....	90	98	88	94	82	75	75	87
Yellowstone, Dec. ....	90	90	90	..	..	..	97	..
Zante, H. C.....	65	92	86	80	85	85	87	83
Zeus, Peo. ....	90	70	89	93	..	..	87	..

Wherever the average rating is not given in the above tabulation, the data on hand is insufficient, the varieties not having been grown long enough to complete our information. This rating is based on the performance of these varieties in our fields, and in our climate. However, we state with confidence that the varieties we have rated the highest will, over a period of years, give the best results by far in other soils and climates than our own.

Many Dahlias having an average rating between 80 and 90 points will give good results during most seasons in a garden partly shaded or sheltered from the sun and wind or in a cooler climate than we have in southern Ohio.

With very few exceptions we discard all Dahlia varieties rating below 80 points average.



## NEW GOLDEN RULE INTRODUCTIONS FOR 1927

"R" stands for Ridgeway (color chart).

- \**Aureo* (Peck)—Hybrid cactus—Wax yellow, shaded pompeian red, reverse pompeian red—R. A warm soft bronzy shade in an immense flower, 6 to 8 in. It starts to flower in mid-season, is continuous and is 100% proof against thrip and heat. The foliage is of unusual brilliance and quality under all conditions. Tubers, \$5.00
- \**Cupro* (Peck)—Decorative. A clear apricot orange—R. or the color of the bright unoxidized metal, copper. Of a habit of growth almost identical to the old dahlia, Patrick O'Mara, but much more resistant to hot weather conditions, with a larger flower and an entirely different color. Flowers are 4 to 6 inches and stems good. Scored 88 cutting, 84 exhibition and 87 garden at Southern Trial Grounds, College Park, Md., 1926. Tubers, \$3.50
- \**Landscape Peach* (Peck)—Decorative. A low bush covered with fine blooms all facing up on good stems. Ideal for landscape decoration and unsurpassed for cutting. An autumn tint combination—strontian yellow very heavily shaded jasper red—reverse of petals jasper red—R. The latter color deepens in the centre of the bloom, making a very attractive flower. Size 3 to 5 inches. Tubers, \$5.00
- \**Ohio Glory* (Peck)—Hybrid cactus. A chrysanthemum type dahlia. It scored 87 points for cutting and 87 as an exhibition flower at College Park Trial Grounds, 1926. There is such a heavy and close veining of tyrian rose varying to rhodamine purple on a mallow pink ground—R., that this dahlia presents a deep glowing rose pink self-color. The most shining color in our fields. The plants have an ideal habit of growth, always have resisted thrip, disease and heat 100% and some of the finest flowers are produced in the hottest weather. Flowers consist of numerous petals waved and curled of a form superior to anything we have seen. Flowers 5 to 7 inches. Stems 8 to 10 inches. Early and continuous flowering throughout the season. More beautiful and large flowers are produced for us by this dahlia than by any other variety. (A broad statement, but true.) Ohio Glory, in respect to beauty, number of blooms, resistance to heat and disease and habit of growth is way ahead of the best pink dahlia we have heretofore seen or handled. Is a good root maker and the tubers winter well. Tubers, \$10.00 each.
- \**Royal Beauty* (Peck)—The decorative beauty of this flower is superb. In color it seems to be close to royal purple. According to Ridgeway it is Pomegranate purple, shading to true purple at tips and to bordeaux at center. Reverse is aster purple. The very large and deep

blooms seem to have a halo of bluish purple around the edges. Field grown flowers for us will be from six to nine inches across and three to five inches deep. One of our best keepers when cut (has kept good for *two weeks*) and is therefore of the very best for exhibition. Stems are long and hold the flower facing right angles. This is without doubt the most massive flower and has the best keeping qualities of any dahlia we have ever grown. Tubers, \$20.00

*\*Drifting Cloud (Peck)*—Decorative. The excellent keeping qualities when cut, the long stiff stems and the uniformly correct position in which the flower is always held make this dahlia a cut-flower of the highest merit. Color is white shaded ivory on which pink is lightly tinted and overlaid. Size of flower, 3 to 4 inches. The foliage remains untouched by thrip and the plants bloom with extreme profusion throughout the season. Tubers, \$5.00 each

## DEFINITION OF DAHLIA TYPES

*Cactus Dahlias*—Have fully double flowers with revolute (rolled outward from center) petals, pointed, either straight or incurved toward center. Good Cactus Dahlias are rare and very beautiful.

*Hybrid Cactus*—Are in form midway between cactus and decorative, partaking of both forms. They have pointed petals or partly rolled and are of rare beauty. Next to the Decorative this is the most popular type.

*Decorative Dahlias*—Are fully double with petals large, broad, flat or slightly rolled at edges. As flower develops the petals often turn backward, giving the flower depth. The newer decoratives have a wonderfully varied arrangement and form of petals. This is at present one of the most popular types.

*Show or Ball Dahlias*—Are the old-fashioned ball or flat ball form with quilled involute petals. The Hybrid Show type partakes of the decorative form and is more popular for exhibitions because of its larger flowers.

*Pompon Dahlias*—Are small compact Show Dahlias not more than two inches in diameter. They are fine for bouquet or basket work.

*Peony Dahlias*—Are noted for their large blooms, good stems and artistic arrangement of petals. They have two or more rows of petals around a more or less covered center and are sometimes, especially early in the season, fully double.

NOTE—The price quoted after each description is the single tuber price unless otherwise specified. For further information than contained in the following price list, see table of ratings on page 5.

## DECORATIVE DAHLIAS

*NOTE: Color descriptions followed by "R" are according to Ridgeway's color standards.*

- Amun Ra* (Seal)—Cooper to reddish bronze. A very beautiful color and the flower is large, five to ten inches, but it nearly always shows a hard green centre on our farm.....Two for \$1.50. Each 85c
- Black Top* (Superior)—Violet earmine, shaded earmine—R. The best all-round dark red. Three to six inches.....\$1.50
- Black Jack* (Dressler)—Blackish maroon. Six to 10 inches. Very tall. Rather late .....\$3.00
- Champagne* (Boston)—Color of golden chamois. Large and massive. Six to eight inches.....Two for \$4.50. Each \$2.50
- Canteen* (Vincent)—Salmon pink. Profuse all season and good for cutting. Two and one-half to four inches.....\$1.25
- Constancy*—Clear pin. Four to five inches. Excellent. Tall.....\$2.00
- Dr. H. L. Tevis* (Pelicano)—Gold shaded old rose. An old favorite. Five to ten inches.....Two for 90c. Each 50c
- Dakota* (Marean)—Flame color. Four to five inches.....Two for \$1.00. Each 60c
- Darlene* (Alexander)—Most profuse of all. Shell pink. Two and one-half to five inches .....Three for \$1.00. Each 40c
- Empress Eugenia* (Vavra)—Pink cut-flower facing up on stem. Three to six inches.....Three for \$1.00. Each 40c
- Earl Williams* (Doolittle)—Large, fancy, scarlet and white. Five to seven inches.\$1.50
- Elm Camino Real* (Vavra)—Large, deep red, facing up on stem. Six to 8 inches .....Two for \$1.25. Each 75c
- Eleanor Martin* (Pelicano)—A good new variety. Mulberry shaded gold. Six to seven inches .....\$5.00
- Faith Garibaldi* (Boston)—Another good new light rose pink. Six to eight inches.\$5.00
- Grenadier* (Boston)—Bordeaux lightly shaded earmine—R. Reverse, shaded silver. Very large. Long stems. Fine.....\$5.00
- Giant Ruby* (Greinberg)—Bright glowing ruby. Five to seven inches.....\$3.00
- \*Heart of Gold* (Peck)—Flesh ochre nearly to centre which is strontian yellow. R. They tell us in Massachusetts that this flower is pink to its centre and very beautiful. All the blooms we have seen have the clear gold heart—hence its name. Of hybrid decorative form. Good stems 5 to 20 in., holding flower well. Keeps longer for us than any other variety when cut. Profuse throughout the season. It never has shown an open centre. We never grew a flower larger than 6½ in. and most are from 4 to 6 in., but many of our friends in Ohio have obtained plenty of 7 and 8 and even 9-in. flowers, without disbudding. Tubers .....Two for \$6.50. Each \$3.50
- Recommended for Certificate of Merit by St. Louis Botanical Garden, 1926, and awarded 85 points as a cut flower by Southern Trial Grounds, College Park, Md.
- For the best and largest bloom of Heart of Gold shown at the 1927 exhibitions of the Dayton (Ohio) Home Flower Festival, Tennessee State Fair at Nashville, Tenn., and Eastern Division Tennessee State Fair at Knoxville, Tenn., we will award one tuber of the remarkable bright pink hybrid cactus "Ohio Glory".
- Halo* (Kunzman)—White shaded lemon from midway to base of petal. Very beautiful. Extremely profuse and good stems make this a fine cut flower. Size 3 to 4 inches.....\$2.00
- Harry Sheldon, Jr.* (Murphy)—Delicate pink to white centre. 6 to 10 inches....\$5.00



<i>Judge Marean</i> (Marean)—Rose red shaded to martius yellow at base. Early in season almost pure rose red—R. The most profuse of large flowered dahlias. 4 to 7 inches. Stems good.....	\$1.00
<i>John Alden</i> (Boston)—Crimson shaded royal purple. Large.....	\$1.00
<i>Jersey's Beauty</i> (Waite)—Eosine pink shaded gold. 3½ to 6 inches. Stems 5 to 10 inches. A very fine dahlia.....	\$3.50
<i>Jersey's Sovereign</i> (Waite)—Scarlet red to scarlet self-color—R. 5 to 6 inches. One of the very best dahlias.....	\$2.50
<i>Jersey's Jewell</i> (Waite)—Very large shell pink. Excellent stems, 8 to 15 inches..	\$2.50
<i>Kitty Dunlap</i> (Boston)—Rose color. R. Described as American beauty red. Very lasting when cut. 3 to 5 inches. Fine long stems.....	\$1.00
<i>Lucy Davis</i> (Davis)—Orange shaded apricot. 5 to 7 inches. Midseason.....	\$1.00
<i>La Crescenta</i> (Bromall)—Clear Canary. Very large. 6 to 8 inches.....	\$3.50
<i>Maid of the Mist</i> (Slocombe)—Deep cream shading to cinnamon pink. 6 to 8 inches .....	\$1.00
<i>Mina Burtle</i> (Burtle)—A fine profuse bright red. 3½ to 6 inches.....	60c
<i>Mephistopheles</i> (Marean)—Deep crimson, with tiny tips of yellow. 5 to 6 inches. Very fine stems.....	\$1.50
<i>Mrs. I. de Vere Warner</i> (Marean)—Light rosallane purple—R. Described as mauve 5 to 7 inches. A famous dahlia.....	Two for \$1.70. Each \$1.00
<i>Mrs. T. B. Ackerson</i> —Fancy. Pink, white and yellow. Profuse. .....	Three for \$1.00. Each 40c
<i>Mrs. J. T. Sheepers</i> (Marean)—Pink with yellow centre. 5 to 7 in. Good.....	\$1.50
<i>Mrs. Carl Salbach</i> (Salbach)—Light lavender pink. 5 to 7 inches. Late flowering, but very good indeed. The longest and best of stems.....	50c
<i>Mr. H. C. Dresselhuys</i> (Holland)—Bright pink. 2½ to 4 inches. Cutting.....	\$1.00
<i>Mr. Alex Waldi</i> (Broomall)—Cream and pink. Exceedingly beautiful. 5 to 7 inches. .....	Two for \$1.70. Each 90c
<i>Mr. Crowley</i> (Broomall)—Pink and gold. Brightest of colors. 3 to 5 inches....	\$1.00
<i>Patrick O'Mara</i> (Vincent)—A standard cut flower of orange shaded pink. 2½ to 5 inches.....	Two for \$1.10. Each 60c
<i>Pride of California</i> (Lohrmann)—Deep crimson. 4 to 6 inches. .....	Three for \$1.50. Each 60c
<i>Pride of Connecticut</i> (Alling)—Deep rose pink—R. 4 to 5 inches. Very free flowering .....	\$1.50
<i>Rookwood</i> (Boston)—A pink of high merit. Color is between tyrian pink and light rosallane purple—R. 4 to 6 inches.....	\$3.00
<i>Red Wing</i> (Kirby)—The best red we have. Bright deep nopal red, almost a carmine—R. 3½ to 5 inches.....	\$1.75
<i>Sagamore</i> (Kirby)—Primuline yellow deepening and approaching zinc orange in centre—R. One of the finest. 4 to 7 inches. Fine stems.....	\$3.50
<i>Snowdrift</i> (Broomall)—Pure glistening white. 5 to 8 inches.....	\$2.00
<i>Sunbeam</i> (Slocombe)—Scarlet tinted gold. 4 to 6 inches.....	\$1.00
<i>Shudow's Lavender</i> (Boston)—Lavender shading to white. 3½ to 5 inches.....	\$2.00
<i>Susan G. Tevis</i> (Boston)—Deep lavender. According to R. it is light mallow purple closely streaked with true purple. 4 to 6 inches. Profuse and excellent in every way .....	\$2.50



<i>Shower of Gold</i> (Boston)—Canary shaded apricot. Very profuse.....	\$1.00
<i>Theodore Vail</i> (Boston)—Golden yellow shaded apricot.....Two for \$1.35. Each 75c	
<i>Tillamook (Broomall)</i> —Clear canary. 6 to 8 inches. Like a clear large yellow rose .....	\$2.50
<i>W. E. Cooper</i> (Boston)—Clear thulite pink—R. 4 to 6 inches. Excellent.....	\$1.80
<i>World's Best White</i> (Murphy)—Cream white. 5 to 7 inches. Good.....	\$5.00

## HYBRID CACTUS DAHLIAS

<i>Antoinette</i> (Boston)—Delicate rose pink. 4 to 6 inches.....	\$2.50
<i>Bridal Veil</i> (Stillman)—White. 2½ to 4 inches. Good for cutting.....	75c
<i>Bertha Horne</i> (Vavra)—Empire yellow shaded nopal red to center—R. 5 to 6 inches. Profuse.....Two for \$1.75. Each \$1.00	
<i>Daddy Butler</i> (Boston)—This fine dahlia is bordeaux with a silvery reverse—R. Good for every purpose. 4 to 6 inches. Excellent stems.....	\$1.75
<i>Esther Hunt</i> (Boston)—Flame scarlet. Described as oriental orange. 5 to 6 in..	\$2 00
<i>Francis Lobdell</i> (Waite)—Mallow pink, shading white. 5 to 6 inches. Profuse..	\$2.00
<i>Gladys Sherwood</i> (Broomall)—The largest white. 5 to 8 inches.....	75c
<i>George Walters</i> —An old reliable. Very profuse. Pinkish salmon.....	75c
<i>Grisette</i> (Boston)—Excellent. Old gold, heavily flushed pink. 5 to 6 inches....	\$2.00
<i>Islam Patrol</i> (Davis)—5 to 6 inches. Crimson tipped gold.....	\$1.00
<i>Jersey's Radiant</i> (Waite)—Bitter sweet orange—R. 4 to 6 inches. Stems good. An excellent dahlia.....	\$3.50
<i>Jean Chazot</i> —Golden bronze, suffused red. 4 to 6 inches.....	\$1.00
<i>Kohinoor</i> (Boston)—Deep crimson. 6 to 10 inches.....	\$2.50
<i>La Favorita</i> (Lohrmann)—Flame scarlet. 3 to 6 inches.....Two for 90c. Each 50c	
<i>Mariposa</i> (Boston)—Light pink, veined bright pink, deeper in center. ⅝-inches. Fine for cut flowers and exhibitions.....	\$2.50
<i>Mrs. W. E. Estes</i> —Pure white. 4 to 6 inches.....	\$1.00
<i>Papillon</i> (Boston)—Ridgeway indicates this wonderful dahlia is a coral red on gold, reverse of petals veined pomegranate purple. Has extraordinary freedom of bloom and 100 per cent resistance to heat and thrip. There is no better dahlia for the price. Size of flower, 5 to 7 inches.....	\$2.00
<i>Senorita</i> (Lohrmann)—Very large deep red. 6 to 9 inches.....	85c
<i>Siskiyon</i> (Broomall)—Lavender pink or mauve. 6 to 10 inches. The largest of all .....	\$4.00
<i>Wizard of Oz</i> (Doolittle)—Very large. Rose to salmon pink. 6 to 8 inches.....	\$1.50
<i>Zante</i> (Boston)—Gold tinted bronze. 5 to 6 inches.....	\$5.00

## CACTUS DAHLIAS

<i>Amber Glow</i> (Boston)—Clear orange. 4 to 6 inches.....Two for \$1.35. Each 75c	
<i>Ballet Girl</i> (Boston)—Variable orange and white. 4 to 6 inches. ....Two for \$1.25. Each 75c	
<i>Bride's Bouquet</i> (Wilmore)—White, profuse.....Two for \$1.00. Each 60c	
<i>Countess of Lonsdale</i> —Salmon pink. 2 to 3 inches. Very profuse.....	50c
<i>Esther R. Holmes</i> (Greinberg)—Lavender. 3 to 4 inches. Excellent. ....Two for \$1.35. Each 75c	

<i>Gladys Bates</i> (Boston)—Brownish tan. Profuse. 3 to 4 inches.....	\$1.10
<i>Montecito</i> (Vavra)—Coral pink to yellow. 3 to 4 inches.....	\$1.50
<i>Pierrot</i> —Amber, tipped white or clear amber. 3 to 5 inches.....	75c
<i>Pink Abundance</i> (Alling)—Extreme incurved type. Mallow pink with white centre. Very fine. Profuse.....	\$1.50
<i>Talisman</i> (Boston)—Deep reddish tan with sulphur yellow tips and reverse. 5 to 8 inches. The largest cactus we have.....	\$2.00
<i>Warren S. Seipp</i> (Vincent)—Crimson. The best red incurved type. 2 to 3 inches. Each .....	\$1.50

## PEONY FLOWERED DAHLIAS

<i>Mrs. Jessie Seal</i> —Old rose, lightly shaded gold. Very long stems. ....	Two for 90c. Each 50c
<i>Viviandiere</i> (Boston)—Cerise-carmine, shading lighter at tips. This dahlia mostly comes full decorative.....	Two for \$1.75. Each \$1.00
<i>Mrs. John Bray</i> —White striped maroon. Excellent.....	Two for \$1.75. Each \$1.00

## SHOW DAHLIAS

<i>A. D. Livoni</i> —Clear tyrian pink—R. 2 to 3 inches. Profuse. Excellent.....	50c
<i>Black Prince</i> —Velvety blackish maroon. Very long stems..	Two for \$1.75. Each \$1.00
<i>D. M. Moore</i> —Maroon black. Like velvet. Pendant stems. Very reliable. ....	Two for 90c. Each 50c
<i>Deelighted</i> —White. 3 to 4 inches.....	50c
<i>Dreer's Yellow</i> —Lemon yellow. 3 to 4 inches.....	60c
<i>Jean Kerr</i> (Burpee)—The best white. 2½ to 4 inches.....	75c
<i>Philipino</i> —Yellow shaded pink on outer petals. Most excellent. 3 to 5 in.....	50c
<i>Secretary Voors</i> (Holland)—Golden apricot. 2 to 4 inches. A new cut flower..	\$1.00
<i>Vivian</i> —White tipped carmine. Excellent.....	75c

## POMPON DAHLIAS

<i>Aimee</i> —Coral pink. Very small.....	Three for \$1.00. Each 40c
<i>Amber Queen</i> —Amber with scarlet lights.....	75c
<i>Gannymede</i> —Lavender shaded gold.....	50c
<i>Johnnie</i> —Very small and very dark red, almost black.....	75c
<i>Joe Fette</i> —White. Long stems.....	50c
<i>Klein Domitea</i> —The best orange pom.....	50c
<i>Little May</i> —Bright lemon yellow.....	50c
<i>Little Jewell</i> —A new bright pink miniature decorative.....	\$2.00
<i>Nerissa</i> —Lavender pink. Very fine.....	\$1.00
<i>Snowclad</i> —The best white. Faint blush of pink.....	50c
<i>Sunbeam</i> —Bright crimson. Excellent.....	50c

## BRIEF CULTURAL DIRECTIONS

*Best Planting Time for Dahlias in Ohio, May 1st to June 15th.*

I am convinced that the *two most important rules* for successfully growing dahlias are: (1) *Have the soil well drained.* (2) *Do not over-fertilize.* The use of manure from barnyard or hencoop may give good results one season and result the following season in *little or no flowers and loss of tubers.* The people who not only grow good flowers from dahlia tubers but also keep their roots over winter are those who do not over-fertilize.

Other points to be observed are: Humus in the soil. Rye sown in late fall and plowed under in spring is an excellent source of humus. Fertilize with bone-meal, wood and coal ashes and a good standard grade of commercial fertilizer suitable for potato culture. Water only when urgently needed and then soak to a good depth. Mulch with straw or other litter between plants after August 1st to conserve soil moisture.

To properly fertilize dahlias, start when plants are ready to bloom and scatter wood ashes moderately between the rows, mixed equally with a good grade of commercial fertilizer and some bone-meal. Sulphate or Chloride of Potash may take the place of wood ashes as a source of Potash, which is the most important fertilizer by far for dahlias. However, do not use Chloride of Potash in two successive seasons for Chlorides in excess may poison the soil. Put all your winter's coal ashes, coarse and fine, together, into your garden, scattering to a depth of two to three inches, and in the spring mix thoroughly with the soil by spading at least twice.

Plant the tuber horizontally when the ground is ready, not less than three and one-half feet apart, three inches deep in heavy soil and four to five inches in light soil. A stake should be driven in before planting. Cover the tubers level with the ground, firming well. The plant should appear within a month, if not, let us know. Cultivate early and often until the plants show buds, then start fertilizing and disbudding. Cut flowers freely to promote further growth. Never sucker a dahlia plant from the base, but disbud from the tip down, two or three joints or nodes only, leaving the best bud at the tip of each branch. There will be plenty of other branches for later flowers.

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